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SUBJECT: SRI LANKA SHIPPING CONFLICT

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1. CEYLON-USA CONFERENCE REP (HAMM) INFORMED DEPTOFF

THAT CUSAC IS EXPECTING CABLE FROM CEYLON FREIGHT BUREAU (CFB) WHICH MAY HOLD PROSPECT FOR BREAK IN LOG-JAM. CUSAC RECEIVED CABLE FROM AGENT SAYING CFB WOULD CABLE AGREEMENT TO IMMEDIATELY REMIT PAST ACCOUNTS DUE TO DEFERENCE IN CFB AND CUSAC POSITIONS ON SURCHARGE, FUNDS OF ALL SHIPS FROM NOW ON WILL BE RELEASED IN FULL (CONDITIONAL ON CUSAC CANCELLATION OF FREIGHT COLLECT ONLY RULE). OTHER OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS TO BE NEGOTIATED BUT CFB WILL ABIDE BY FMC EVALUATION OF SURCHARGE.

2. HAMM INDICATES THERE IS STRONG PRESSURE FROM SOME CONFERENCE LINES FOR PERMANENT RETENTION OF FREIGHT
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COLLECT ONLY RULE BUT HE IS HOPEFUL

CFB POSITION AS OUTLINED ABOVE MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO
CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, ONE OF LINES HAS RECEIVED

ALTERNATE INTERPRETATION OF CFB POSITION. ACCURATE
RENDITION APPARENTLY WILL HAVE TO AWAIT CUSAC'S
ACTUAL RECEIPT OF CFB CABLE.

3. IF CFB POSITION IS ACURATELY STATED BY HAMM'S SOURCE
THERE APPEARS GROUNDS FOR OPTIMISM ON RESOLUTION
OF IMMEDIATE PROBLEM. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED. INGERSOLL

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